

Bulletin 2026-11

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AUC engagement on Rule 021 and Rule 028 amendments required to implement permanent Alberta Time - Submission deadline August 5, 2026

The Government of Alberta introduced Bill 31, *Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act*, 2026, which, among other things, amended the *Daylight Saving Time Act* to eliminate biannual time changes in Alberta. The *Official Time Act* and regulations made under it adopt permanent Alberta Time, which is six hours behind Coordinated Universal Time.

[Rule 021](#): *Settlement System Code Rules* and [Rule 028](#): *Natural Gas Settlement System Code Rules* currently allow for biannual time changes between standard time and daylight-saving time to accommodate load settlement. These rules must be updated to reflect Alberta Time.

The AUC is launching an engagement to implement amendments to Rule 021 and Rule 028. Feedback is being sought from all market participants involved in load settlement concerning what amendments are required to Rule 021 and Rule 028 to effect Alberta Time and to prevent errors or disruptions in load settlement. No other changes to these rules are being considered within this engagement. Additional changes to Rule 021 and Rule 028 may be considered in a future engagement, for example, to accommodate the restructured energy market or time-varying rates.

The AUC has established a written process to gather input and feedback on the following topics:

- Revisions required to references to 23-hour and 25-hour settlement days.
- Considerations for managing historical years' data alongside future years' data that will not include biannual time changes.
- Treatment of the Post-Final Adjustment Mechanism for periods before and after the transition under Rule 021.
- Identification of any Rule 021 or Rule 028 requirements that may become ambiguous without biannual time changes.
- Additional changes to Rule 021 or Rule 028 required to implement Alberta Time.

The written engagement will be hosted on the AUC website. **The deadline for submissions is August 5, 2026.** Parties interested in participating in the engagement are required to go to the [Engage page](#), download the submission questions with the title “Rule 021 and Rule 028 questions” and submit their responses to engage@auc.ab.ca. In the email, please include the following **subject line: Rules 021 and 028 engagement**.

This is a public engagement. Submissions provided to the AUC will form part of the public record and may be posted on the AUC's website with contact information, aside from names, removed. The AUC collects, uses and discloses this information to carry out its mandate as a public body and to support a transparent public process in accordance with Alberta's privacy legislation and the AUC's [privacy policy](#). Submissions that are duplicates, not in the required format, or outside the scope of the engagement may not be posted or considered, and the AUC may withhold or redact submissions that are not appropriate.

AUC staff are available upon request for virtual meetings to further mutual understanding of required changes or guidance required on this matter. However, only written formal submissions to the Engage page will be used in making revisions or decisions related to AUC rules.

Next steps

After the above topics have been considered, the AUC will prepare a draft blackline version of Rule 021 and Rule 028 and may post them on the [AUC Engage page](#) for an opportunity for written feedback.

Any questions related to this bulletin may be directed to info@auc.ab.ca or 310-4AUC (310-4282).

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